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For: SWITCHING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING  
THE ROUTING OF DATA PACKETS

Enclosed are:

☒ 26 Pages of Specification.☒ 3 Sheets of Informal Drawings.

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